



Forest City breaks ground at GL housing project

Construction of the \$238 million redevelopment project will begin in July

Together with the United States Navy, Forest City Military Communities, LLC welcomed community and elected officials to a groundbreaking ceremony on May 30 to launch the start of construction and renovation of the company's Navy Great Lakes housing redevelopment project.

"Forest City Military Communities is honored to partner with the U.S. Navy on this exciting endeavor and we are proud to service those who serve on our behalf," said Ron Ratner, president and CEO of Forest City Residential Group.

"The sole purpose of this partnership is to provide a strong community environment with high-quality homes for deserving Navy families, and it is both satisfying and rewarding to make this a reality."

A public/private venture (PPV) with the U.S. Navy, the housing redevelopment pro-

ject will include a combination of demolition, renovation and new construction, resulting in a total of 1,658 military family homes at Naval Station Great Lakes and Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, and in the Nimitz Village, Halsey Village, Forrestal Village, Fort Sheridan and Glenview housing areas.

Included in the total will be 1,100 homes in the North Chicago housing areas; 209 at Fort Sheridan; 230 at Glenview and 24 in Crane, Ind.

An additional 95 units will be relocated from the Fort Sheridan and Glenview sites as a result of reductions there.

The ceremony took place in Forrestal Village in North Chicago, at the site where the project's first homes will be built.

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Participants in Tuesday's Public-Private Venture housing project ground-breaking ceremony, Capt. Richard Postera, commanding officer, Naval Station; U.S. Senator Richard Durbin; and Ron Ratner, president and CEO, Forest City Residential Group, place bricks on a wall, symbolizing their contributions in building the foundation of the future housing community. Photo by FC2 Jason Mosher

NHGL and VA Medical Center begin historic partnership

By **JUDY R. LAZARUS**
Bulletin Associate Editor

Naval Hospital Great Lakes became Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes when the second phase of the partnership between the facility and the North Chicago VA Medical Center (NCVAMC) began on June 1.

"This is the second part of the overall plan to modernize the medical facility here at Great Lakes," said Capt. Michael Anderson, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic.

All outpatient services will continue at Great Lakes while Emergency Department services are now provided, 24 hours a day seven days a week, at the NCVAMC located

at Lewis Avenue and Buckley Road. Navy patients seen at the Emergency Department will have their prescriptions filled at that department.

Branch clinic and other Navy patients will continue to have their prescriptions filled at the Naval Health Clinic pharmacy, open until 5 p.m. weekdays and noon on Saturdays.

"We will continue to see people with acute problems at our clinics within 24 hours," Anderson noted, "And the pediatric department will still have its weekend clinics."

Active duty Sailors treated at primary care branch clinics will still be treated at the same

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Support Center's Chi-Town march

Last Saturday 240 Sailors from Training Service Command, Great Lakes, volunteered to march in Chicago's Memorial Day Parade. Chicago's Memorial Day Parade is considered one of the largest events of its kind in the country with 25,000 people participating annually. It commemorates those who have died in service and those who continue to serve, protecting our nation's freedom. Photo by PH1(SW/AW) V.K. Schaefer

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Visit the Great Lakes official websites at www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil and www.nstc.navy.mil

Ground-breaking for N. Chicago WWII memorial

By JUDY R. LAZARUS
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The first black officers in the U.S. Navy were honored last week in North Chicago at a ground-breaking ceremony for a first-of-its kind African-American World War II memorial. The 12 officers and one warrant officer, who were known as the "Golden Thirteen," were commissioned in 1944.

One member of the group survives. Frank Sublett was unable to attend the ceremony, but hopes to be present for the dedication in the fall, noted his wife Susan Sublett.

"He was bummed out that he couldn't be here," she declared. But a number of family members - sisters, a brother, a niece, grandson and grand nephew were all on hand.

Elaine Lewis daughter of Graham Martin, a Golden Thirteen member who recently passed away, represented her late father at the ceremony.

Event participants included North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham;

Susan Sublett; CMDCM April Beldo, Recruit Training Command, command master chief; Ted Hudson, president of the Chicago chapter of World War II Black Veterans of Great Lakes; and U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, who had secured a \$97,000 federal appropriation for the memorial.

"We commend the men and women who were twice the heroes," Kirk said. "They had difficulties with their own shipmates and they were dodging kamikazes at the same time. When they came back they did not receive a proper welcome from those at home."

"They laid down their lives for the freedoms this country stands for," the congressman said. "So it is important that we honor these veterans. It's about time we said thank you to them."

Beldo noted that it was a privilege to be a part of the North Chicago community. She payed tribute to the contributions of "the African-American military heroes who have brought us this far. We continue to move on up."



U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk chats with Adeline Geokaris, former state senator from Zion, Ill. at the WWII Memorial ground-breaking ceremony in North Chicago. Photo by Judy R. Lazarus

RTC Command Master Chief April Beldo meets Susan Sublett, wife of surviving Golden Thirteen member Frank Sublett at Saturday's groundbreaking for the African-American World War II Memorial. Ted Hudson, center, is president of the Chicago chapter of World War II Black Veterans of Great Lakes. Photo by Judy R. Lazarus



Rudy offers words of inspiration

By EVA KOWALSKI
Training Support Center

"You've got to be the best you can be right now," said Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger to a crowd of more than 900 Sailors from Training Support Center (TSC), Great Lakes at Ross Theater May 30.

Ruettiger, who became a national source of inspiration after the release of the 1993 hit movie Rudy, served in the Navy for two years prior to pursuing a football dream at the University of Notre Dame.

"The Navy gave me confidence," he said.

While most people are familiar with the plotline of the movie, which chronicles Ruettiger's journey of perseverance, most are unaware of his military background.

Ruettiger served aboard the USS Northampton after graduating from Boot Camp in 1969. It was after serving in the Navy that he began tackling his dream of gaining admission to Notre Dame, where he had even bigger dreams of playing football. It took Ruettiger, who suffers from a learning disability, three semesters to defy all odds and gain acceptance.

However, fulfilling the dream of playing for the Notre Dame football team known as the "Fighting Irish" seemed even further out of reach for Ruettiger, who was considered too small for the game.

But Rudy, as he is famously known, hung around, earned the respect of the players and coaches and in the final game of his senior year was given a brief chance to go out on the field. During the 30-second opportunity he tackled the Georgia Tech quarterback, that prompted the entire stadium to chant his name.

In a similar fashion, Sailors echoed "Rudy" as he walked down the center aisle in Ross Theatre in a TSC baseball cap to offer words of inspiration.

"You've got to start with the basics," he said, commending the Sailors for making the choice to join the Navy and change their lives.

"You've got to have your fundamentals in place," he said, adding, "Preparation is the key to life," such as the preparation the Navy gave him to pursue his goals."

Seaman Apprentice Antonio Archuleta, 20, from New Castle, Pa. said, "Rudy's story kept me playing football." Archuleta

played football for nine years.

"I've seen the movie 30 times," he said.

Ruettiger also toured the training facilities at TSC and Learning Sites during the day. He commented that a lot had changed since he had graduated from Boot Camp.

Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) arranged the visit in support of the Apprentice Military Environment program.

MWR Director Jerry Hieb said Rudy helped reinforce the notion of "taking the challenge on and not limiting yourself."



Rudy autographs a football for TSC Commanding Officer Capt. Glenn Brunner during a visit of TSC May 30. Photo by Matt Mogile

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FOREST CITY

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Made possible by the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, the 50-year partnership agreement between the U.S. Navy and Forest City will ensure that military families are provided with high-quality, affordable housing options.

The new homes will boast side-loading garages, top of the line exterior materials, large walk-in closets for master and secondary bedrooms and fenced-in rear yards, among other amenities.

In addition to homes, Forest City will redesign the neighborhoods to include modern community amenities such as community centers, green space, meeting facilities, bike trails and swimming pools.

Tom Henneberry, president of Forest City Military Communities, LLC, thanked Congressman Mark Kirk, Senator Dick Durbin and the Illinois General Assembly for their tireless advocacy on behalf of this project.

Durbin expressed appreciation to all

those elected officials who supported the housing project.

"We not only remember our obligation to you our Sailors, but we stand by you and your families as well," Durbin told those attending Tuesday's ground-breaking ceremony. "Members of the U.S. Navy deserve good homes and that's what we are going to provide here. This is a project of our shared determination."

Local officials representing the north-suburban municipalities of Highland Park, Highwood, Glenview and North Chicago, as well as state and federal legislators were also on hand to share in the celebration.

"We did this for the residents, for our Navy Sailors," said Capt. Richard Postera, commanding officer, Naval Station Great Lakes. "This will result in improved quality of life for our Sailors; that is the goal for the Navy and for Forest City."

Postera noted that construction of the homes will be the next phase of the housing project.

Great Lakes Hospital hosts 'Bird Flu' forum

By **JIM BOYLAN**
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On Thursday, May 25 the Great Lakes Naval Hospital hosted the third Avian & Pandemic Influenza Forum for representatives of the military, and local police and health agencies. Participants learned about plans and preparations for the local response if a "Bird Flu" pandemic were to strike the Lake/Cook County, Chicago areas.

In her welcoming remarks, Naval Hospital Executive Officer, Capt. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle highlighted the fact that this forum was a gathering of specialties and organizations dedicated to education, medical intelligence, and bringing together community partners for collaborative planning and networking.

Other objectives included discussion on mutual roles, dependence and interdependence and providing a common forum for all to share the state of their plans.

Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt warned on April 6, 2006 that, "Any community that fails to prepare with the idea that somehow, in the end, the federal government will be able to rescue them, will be tragically wrong."

"We need to be prepared and always thinking ahead," said Commander Mike Maguire, RTC, USS Tranquility Medical Clinic. "We need to educate, share intelli-



gence and use the resources that are out there," he added.

Briefers explained that the role of the Department of Defense is to develop plans and policies that will help minimize and possibly contain the effects of a pandemic on military forces, the civilian workforce, and military family members.

Great Lakes responsibilities in the event of an epidemic could include offering logistical support such as refrigerated space to store vaccine, manpower to assist in distribution of supplies and the berthing of government employees.

In addition they would offer technical expertise, share information, facilitate networking and partner in regional plans. One of the key challenges for Naval

Hospital Great Lakes would be to meet the huge increase in demand for healthcare that would come with an epidemic.

"You have to be realistic that you are going to lose people and that one of the ways to combat this possibility is that we come up with something by working together, we need to reach out," said Susan Patrode, U.S. Post Office, Northern District.

Throughout the presentations there was a main theme that we need to be ever vigilant in our intelligence and surveillance. The ability to communicate and collaborate with our key stakeholders, agencies, local governments, counties and states is



Capt. Jesse Monestersky gives a medical update as part of the May 25 Avian and Pandemic Influenza Plan/Briefing which took place at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Photo by Capt. Larry Williams, Naval Hospital Great Lakes

key to success in combating this type of influenza.

Moderator Capt. Larry Williams said he was glad that there was representation from both civilian and military and that they could come and share information in a common sense way. "We need to know the right and the left and that our civilian folks know what our military people are doing and that our military folks know what our civilian counterparts are doing in case of a local or

national pandemic." He said. "The more you prepare the better chance you have of surviving."

For anyone in need of additional information on the Avian & Pandemic Influenza you may contact FEMA at 1-800-480-2520 and they will send you a free DVD and companion addition entitled "Family Preparedness" Item #22.

Excellent information is also available on the Web at www.pandemicflu.gov.

Bi-National Planning Group meets at Great Lakes

Communication and combined vision needed to be successful

By **JIM BOYLAN**
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On May 23-24, members of the United States/Canada Bi-National Planning Group (BPG) visited Great Lakes to brief Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) Senior Leadership. The group convened at the Port O' Call last Wednesday for an updated briefing.

The responsibility of the BPG is to prepare contingency plans to respond to threats and attacks, and other major emergencies, in the United States or Canada, and to enhance bi-national military planning and support to civil authorities with the focus on maritime and land-based threats. Once formulated, the plans will go to both governments for approval.



Capt. Pamela McClune, JAGC, USN, Capt. Mary Kolar, chief of staff, NSTC and Capt. (N) J. R. Bergeron, Canadian Forces attend a luncheon following the Bi-National Briefing on May 24 at the Port O' Call, Great Lakes. Photo by James O. Lynch, Canadian Consul

During the briefing, Capt. (N) J.R. Bergeron, Canadian Forces and Captain Pamela McClune, JAGC, USN went over the key recommendations including coordinating mechanisms, combined plans, combined exercises, information sharing, communication architecture, continental defense and security, and future relationships.

Capt. Bergeron emphasized that the two countries need overall understanding and that military and civilian counterparts need to be on the same page and in harmony. "We need to have a mutual understanding of both countries, touch all the bases, and then always fine-tune the process."

Capt. McClune added that there needs to be interdependence between the United States and Canada and that the military needs to plan and coordinate with civilian authorities. "We need to reverse from our thinking of protecting information and again emphasize that we need to talk to one another constantly," McClune noted.

The BPG dates back to December 5, 2002, when then-Secretary of State Colin Powell signed an agreement between the U.S. and Canada to establish the new bi-national planning group.

Both countries believe that close bi-national cooperation is vital to their mutual security. The agreement ensures that both the U.S. and Canada are better prepared for possible terrorist attacks and to assist one another in times of crisis.

The BPG is not yet a "naval NORAD," but with intensified communications between the Canadian Navy and the U.S. Navy, the group will work toward more highly integrated operations.

The two navies already have a long tradition of close cooperation and have developed a growing interoperability. The BPG is a natural evolution of this close relationship.

Among the key achievements of the BPG are rewriting the U.S.-Canada Basic Defense Document (draft), and coordinating the development of a combined defense plan, as well as a civil assistance plan to coordinate bi-national military-to-military support to civil authorities and enhanced shared strategic maritime awareness and warning between the two countries.

The BPG created a bi-national library that contains more than 850 agreements and documents.

The BPG also helped define the relationship among NORAD, the U.S. Northern Command and Canada Command.



Chris Blundy, Thermal Remediation Systems project manager, right, explains the electrical resistance heating remediation system to Assistant Deputy Undersecretary of Defense (environment, safety and occupational health) Alex Beehler during his visit to Naval Station Great Lakes in May. Due to suspected soil contamination from former dry cleaning facility operations, the area beneath and around the former Bldg. 105 was placed in the Great Lakes clean up program. Clean up is under way and is scheduled to end in August. Photo by FC2(SW) Jason Mosher

RTC Sailor honored as enlisted instructor of the year for 2005

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola has selected their enterprise-wide 2005 Military Instructors of the Year.

In making the announcement, Vice Adm. Kevin Moran, NETC Commander and Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, praised all personnel nominated for the award for their contributions to the training and education enterprise.

“Our Instructors of the Year were chosen from an extremely talented field of applicants who epitomize the dedication and professionalism of instructors throughout the Navy,” Moran said.

“They are the best of the very best instructors that we have in the Navy today, and I salute their outstanding contributions and continued superb performance.”

The Enlisted Instructor of the Year honors went to Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Jose B. Garcia Jr., a Recruit Division Commander (RDC) from Recruit Training Command (RTC), Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill.

Garcia, who recently transferred to Naval Security Forces Bahrain, spent three years as an RDC and guided 10 recruit divisions and more than 850 Sailors.

He also served as an instructor for the 13-week RDC “C” School.

“For me, the most rewarding aspect of being an RDC at RTC Great Lakes is that I helped train the future Sailors and warriors of our Navy,” Garcia said.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better job. It’s the next best thing to being forward-deployed and operational.”

The 13-year veteran from Gillette, Wyo., was surprised at his selection as the enlisted Instructor of the Year.

“I feel honored and ecstatic about being chosen for this honor,” Garcia said.

“And I’m proud to represent the United States Navy in this capacity.

I will use this opportunity to motivate others to strive to do their very best in everything they do.”

Marine Capt. Shawn C. Hughes, from Las Vegas, Nev., was selected as the Officer Instructor of the Year.

An aircraft maintenance officer, Hughes is currently assigned as the Marine Liaison at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training’s (CNATT) Aviation Maintenance Officer School Detachment in Milton, Fla.

A 16-year veteran, Hughes received his commission after graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1997.

During the past year, Hughes trained more than 200 students in Aviation Maintenance Indoctrination and Management.

He credits his peers and his students for his selection as Instructor of the Year.

“I learn from my peers on a daily basis,” Hughes said recently.

“To be singled out among them is an honor indeed.

“I am privileged to work in the company of exceptionally talented maintenance professionals who are focused on training the individuals who will replace us as maintenance managers and leaders.”

Hughes, who has been teaching students for two years, admits he has learned a great deal about the role instructors play in the training and education environment and the overall Navy mission.

“I would never have guessed how involved a person becomes in all aspects of training,” Hughes admitted.

“I have gained a great deal of respect for anyone in an instructor’s billet; especially when you consider the part they play in the development of Marines and Sailors, and the effects instructors have on the content and quality of training.

“It’s is an awesome responsibility.

“Ultimately, I am proud to be able to represent the Marine Corps, our CNATT Detachment, my peers and the students who

we have trained.”

The Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year is Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) (SW) Kyucca-Ali Simpson, a 19-year veteran from Freeport, N.Y., who represents the Officer Training Command (OTC) on board NAS Pensacola.

Simpson serves as a Class Chief and instructs officer candidates in leadership and various management skills.

Normal class size varies, according to Simpson, from 20 to 50 candidates depending on the time of year.

“As Class Chief, in addition to leadership and management skills, I facilitate guided discussions on sexual harassment, racism, women in the Navy, and various other Navy programs that command leadership support.

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*Vice Adm. Kevin Moran
NETC Commander and
Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel*

“I also teach counseling skills, planning, delegating and problem solving.”

Outside the classroom, Simpson teaches the candidates injury prevention for both the officer candidates and the Physical Training Instructor Course.

“The most rewarding aspect of my job,” Simpson said, “is training officer candidates in the basic tenets of leadership and fostering the chief petty officer –junior officer relationship early in the officer training pipeline.

“I really enjoy what I do for the Navy.”

Simpson credits his instructor of the year selection to the entire staff at OTC.

“I think it’s a huge success for the command as a whole,” he said.

“I’m thankful for the tremendous effort that went into preparing my nomination package, and the support I received from my fellow Navy chief petty officers, Marine Corps drill instructors, and my chain of command.”

Finalists included: Missile Technician 1st Class (SS) Bryan D. Miller, Trident Training Facility, Bangor, Wash.; Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 1st Class (AW/NAC) Michael S. Weaver, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla.; Aviation Machinist’s Mate (AW) Larry C. Martin, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, North Island, Calif.; Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic (AW/NAC) Benjamin J. Kunz, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla.; Lt. Jonathan R. Ruais, Officer Training Command, Pensacola, Fla.; and Lt. Adam C. Claybrook, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla..

The NETC Military Instructor of the Year Program recognizes Navy and Marine Corps instructors and facilitators who exemplify personal excellence and display outstanding instructional and leadership performance.

The program highlights the significant contributions of individuals from throughout the Naval Education and Training enterprise who have been nominated by their command based on their sustained superior performance over the course of the last year.

Nomination packages, highlighting the nominee’s accomplishments, community involvement, and personal and professional growth, are submitted to NETC headquarters in Pensacola.

An awards committee reviews the packages and selects the most deserving candidates for IOY honors.

From the Goat Locker

SEA STORIES



This week:
By HMC(FMF) Benjamin Smalls

An incident that made the most impact on me as a junior corpsman was when I was at Naval Hospital in Guam, my second command after I got off a ship.

I worked at surgery and we were constantly busy taking care of active duty and also retirees. There was one lady patient, a dependent wife, who had cancer. After she left the hospital she sent a letter to the command thanking the surgeon. She was so grateful for the way we treated her.

That meant a lot. Our work was pretty routine to us. Sometimes we thought it was a thankless job and we didn't think we were making an impact. We felt like we were at the bottom of the food chain. When this happened we realized we were making a difference.

This turned me around significantly. It meant a lot to me as a corpsman. It was a turning point for me. I never forgot that.

I still have a copy of the letter she wrote, and that was around 1992 or 1993. I've kept it ever since that day.

This was at the first part of my career and I thought "this is not a bad job. To this day I wonder how she's doing."

Smalls also discussed his present job as a recruit division commander and how he relates to new recruits.

When recruits get off the bus and you meet them for the first time you see the diversity. And when they go through the eight weeks of training you see the transformation. If you took a picture eight weeks later you would be looking at a new man or a new woman.

I tell them, "Anytime you're in doubt remember why you signed up to join the military. That will get you refocused."

Recruit training is a drill in attention to detail. They will need this in the future. It's the most important thing.

I don't look at it as a job. I really like what I do.

If you are a chief petty officer — active duty, reservist or retired — and would like to contribute to "Sea Stories," call the Bulletin staff at (847) 688-4800 and we'll be happy to talk with you. - Ed.

FFSC volunteers lauded at lunch for 2005 service

By JUDY R. LAZARUS
Bulletin Associate Editor

Fleet and Family Support Center volunteers were honored at a recognition ceremony and lunch at Forrestal Village Chapel last week.

Capt. Richard Postera, commanding officer, Naval Station Great Lakes referred to the assistance provided by Sharon Mahaffey, FFSC director, "and her great crowd." People who are stressed come to the center looking for help, the captain noted.

A majority of those attending the recognition event were VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers, Postera said. He noted that Navy Region Midwest had the third highest number [3,522] of returns processed of all regions. The value of tax services provided by VITA equalled a total of \$612,650. Refunds on returns came to \$4,763,000.

The captain spoke of the assistance pro-

vided by volunteer Catherine Gourley and her Retired Affairs Office, as well as the many others who serve the FFSC.

"We are in a fiscally constrained environment," Postera said. "If we did not have volunteers people would not have the benefit of help from the Fleet and Family Support Center."

Each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation that was presented by Postera.

"We are reaching out to families, to say we care," explained Julie Boesell, FFSC Work Family Life consultant, who hosted the recognition ceremony.

Volunteers are responsible for helping a lot of people, Boesell noted. "Those of you who have done this before know exactly what I mean, and those who are new have found out."

She expressed her appreciation for all the work performed, declaring, "I thank you all for your time this year and look forward to seeing you again next year."



GSEC(SW) Michael F. Ehlermann, right, is congratulated by Capt. Richard Postera, commanding officer, Naval Station Great Lakes, and Julie Boesel, FFSC work family life consultant, for his assistance providing and delivering household goods to Katrina evacuees at Great Lakes. *Photo by Judy R. Lazarus*

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Tickets cost \$26.50 per person. Parking is free. Tickets will be on sale at ITT, Bldg. 400-Student NEX Store; Great Lakes Youth Center, Bldg. 2600; The Loft, Bldg. 2A; Zapper's, Bldg.'s 130-H (HCS), 616 and 621; RTC Recreation Center, Bldg. 1326 and Kid's World-Glenview, Bldg 8801. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Discounted tickets are not available at Six Flag's main Gate.

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Purchase your daily and season passes for Six Flags Great America, which includes the new Hurricane Harbor Waterpark at the ITT Office. Admission: \$38 - Adults; \$36.25 - Children (under 54"); 2-Day Pass - \$55; Season Pass - \$90 per person.

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Chicago Cubs

Chicago Cubs baseball tickets will go on sale on Mon., June 5 to ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, ONLY for July games. Please have your ID ready - when you come in to purchase tickets. Any remaining games will go on sale to all base personnel on Tues., June 6. All July tickets cost \$52 each. The following July games will be available for purchase: Sat., July 1; TBD vs CWS; Sun., July 2; 1:20 p.m. vs CWS; Sat., July 15; TBD vs NYM; Sun., July 16; 1:20 p.m. vs NYM; Tues., July 18; 7:05 p.m. vs Hou; Wed., July 19; 7:05 p.m. vs Hou; Thurs., July 27; 7:05 p.m. vs STL; Sat., July 29; TBD vs STL; Sun., July 30; 1:20 p.m. vs STL; Mon., July 31; 7:05 p.m. vs AZ.

Restrictions: Limit two tickets per person, one game per month. There is absolutely zero tolerance in the resale of ITT's tickets. When you purchase your ticket and sign your name to it, you are bound to that agreement. See posted signage for details.

Leisure Travel Office at ITT

The MWR Department's ITT Office is pleased to announce the opening of a leisure travel operation, in cooperation with Fox World / American Express, in the ITT Office, Bldg 400 (NEX Student Store). An experienced travel agent will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to handle leisure travel needs including...

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- Emergency and dependant travel!
- Off duty and leave (vacations)!
- Tours and cruises, many at Military discounts!

The Leisure Travel Office may be reached directly at (847)234-5877; they may also be found on the web at www.gofox.com.

Noah's Ark - America's Largest Waterpark!

Residing on 70 acres in the heart of Wisconsin Dells, Noah's Ark, America's Largest Waterpark, boasts 41 waterslides, two huge wave pools, two endless rivers, four children's water play areas, Paradise Lagoon activity pool, two group amusement rides, 18-hole mini golf, three arcades, shopping, gourmet desserts and much more! Noah's Ark is continually evolving, offering the most variety of water rides anywhere in the nation. This summer is no exception with the introduction of "Time Warp" the world's largest family bowl ride. The ticket cost is only \$26 each at the ITT Office.

Stop by the ITT Office for more information on Amtrak Services!

Commemorative Bricks

Etch your name in Great Lakes' history by purchasing a Commemorative Brick, available through the ITT Office. Bricks will be placed around the walkway to graduation at the Recruit Training Command. For more details, and/or to fill out an order form, stop by the ITT Office today!

Welcome Lodging offers discount rates to base personnel...

Welcome Lodging of Waukegan is offering extra low rates for all base personnel-starting at \$49.99/night, which includes their fabulous breakfast bar. Quality rooms may be enjoyed at a great price and located just three miles north of the base at 619 S. Green Bay Rd. Call (847) 662-3200 for reservations today! Use code *NVGL* when booking your reservations. www.welcomelodging.com

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Chicago Downtown

Now serving Great Lakes with discounted rates from \$89/Night (King or two double beds). Located on Harrison St. at Canal St., four blocks south of the METRA Kenosha North Line stop and two blocks from Amtrak/Union Station, Greyhound Terminal, and Scarlett's.

Hotel features an outdoor rooftop pool & deck and Aurelio's Pizza & Lounge. Sears Tower, Greek Town, Grant Park, the Museum Campus, and the Lakefront are all minutes away. Clinton "L" stop of the CTA Blue Line is located at the base of the hotel. Offer subject to availability. Stop by the ITT Office for additional information or visit www.hidowntown.com. For advance reservations, call (312) 957-9100 and ask for the NAVY rate..

★ ROSS ★

THEATER

Movies: \$2-Adult (Military or DOD)

\$1-Child (ages 6-11), Free-Under age 6

Ross Theater is located in Bldg. 110 and is open to everyone. Children 17 years of age and under trying to gain access to a "R-Rated" movie must be accompanied by an adult.

GREAT MOVIES AT A GREAT PRICE!

Fri., June 2
6 p.m.



THE WILD

G-Animation/Kids/Family. (81 Min.)

Fri., June 2
8:30 p.m.



THE SENTINEL

PG 13~For some intense action violence and a scene of sensuality. (105 Min.)

Sat., June 3
6 p.m.



THE BENCHWARMERS

PG 13~For crude and suggestive humor, and for language. (120 Min.)

Sat., June 3
8:30 p.m.



THANK YOU FOR SMOKING

R~For language and some sexual content. (92 Min.)

Sun., June 4
3:30 p.m.



American Dreamz

PG 13~For brief strong language and some sexual references. (115 Min.)

Sun., June 4
6 p.m.



SCARY MOVIE 4

PG 13~For crude and sexual humor throughout, some comic violence and language. (83 Min.)

The movie schedule is subject to change without notice.

For up-to-date information, call the MWR Scoop Line at 688-2110, ext. 697,

24 hours-a-day or check the web site at

www.mwrgl.com



Places to dine • Places to go

Pub 140 offers fabulous June Specials!

Back for the warm weather months ... Pub 140 offers a "Grill Your Own" menu: Steaks, Hamburgers, Salmon and Chicken Breasts! Come and enjoy the beautiful Lake Michigan view, and pleasant atmosphere! Play Instant Win Bingo for cash prizes in Pub 140. Karaoke Wednesdays!

Thursdays -Frozen Drink Specials (non-alcoholic) \$3
 Fri., June 9 - A pound of succulent "Peel-n-Eat" shrimp and a draft beer only \$12.95 from 4-8 p.m.

Fri., June 16 - BBQ pork ribs, picnic potato salad, coleslaw, cornbread muffin. Served with a soda only \$9.95 from 4-8 p.m.

Fri., June 23 - All you can eat appetizers, \$6.95 per person (dine in, only); 4-8 p.m.

Fri., June 30 - "Grill Your Own" marinated kabobs. Choose from: steak \$9.95; chicken \$5.95; or shrimp \$10.95. Served with steakhouse potato salad, coleslaw and a tossed salad. From 4-9 p.m.

PUB 140's hours of operation are Wed.-Fri., 4-9 p.m.

PUB 140 is open to all staff members and is located in Bldg. 140.

For more information, call 688-6946.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Chaplain's Corner



Television shows and Hollywood reality

By LT. WILLIS E. EVERETT
CHC, USN

We are about to end our regular programming on television and welcome anew the summer dramas/situation comedy. The popular shows are now having their big finishes in the hopes of enticing you to return for the fall season. I loved watching, “House,” “CSI” (the original), “Numbers,” “24,” “Alias,” each of which engaged the mind while it entertained.

We seemed to be amazed by the science, the power of human reason to solve a problem, the expert dissecting each week’s problem for the good of the human condition; real life finding resolution, purpose, value and meaning. We feel good about ourselves, about the ability of modern science working to protect us, and the power of numbers – reason to discover the hidden truth behind what/why we do things. But do you not see a problem with all of this? My intent here is not to put down any show, but hopefully to raise a question within us all about the impact of what is going on behind the programs.

A case in point: Look at the primary figures in the situation drama stories of today, what do you see? Strong figures of both men and women, yes! But, ask yourself this question: what about their private life? They are people (perhaps like us) lost, confused, not trusting of others, insecure about relationships, and their jobs stand as their sole purpose, meaning, and self worth. In short, modern television has popularized the philosophies of Hegel, Sartre, Camus without using their particular dictums, and we have become complacent as we are captured by the story of the week; life is harsh, it has no other purpose, live for yourself, futility of it all!

While we praise science and the power of human reason, we often negate the values that should direct these gifts to a higher end. Like Plato’s, “The Cave,” we all sit and watch what is played out in front of us and view it as reality. What I am asking is, is there not a Socrates who will have the courage to stand up for the community, turn around and walk outside to see Truth, a deeper light that, in turn, calls us to review our reality?

While the courts may argue the separation of Church and State, the ongoing public discussion presented on our TV each night weakens the moral fabric of the argu-

ment as we assent to the popularization and degradation of ethics, the objectification of the human person (You are an object and I can use you to meet my needs, my own selfish ends, my urges, hungers, and desires), and place our full trust in the power of human reason to figure out the cause/effect/solution to all problems.

Secondly, note the duplicity of the senses as they may define a value but confuse the mind: Look at most of the heroes of our favorite show. They are dead panned, expressionless, with monotone voices, factual, non-relational beings. A recent episode of “House” showed the argument of faith vs. science, as a young faith healer needed medical attention: faith vs. science, reason vs. faith.

It was once said, that “the unexplored life is not worth living.” What I am asking of you today is to take a few minutes to review your programming and its impact on your understanding of life. Let me state first that faith and morals are not so much under attack, per se, rather, we as a community are open to a wider classroom of information that influence the arguments over and against traditional resources for our answers.

Television challenges us to assent to “truth” in a very well scripted, visual dynamic manner that captures the viewer to believe in a wider defined argument of who we are as humans, the value of existence, and meaning/purpose in life. The diffusion of knowledge, opinions, polarization of issues and ideas presented on TV today needs to be disseminated by people who are engaged in a didactic discernment process in the home, schools, places of worship, work, and around the coffee shops of life.

What such programming has done for us is to raise our arguments of existence and values into a higher realm of discussion. We must now engage one another in understanding the central points of our existence.

By what values will we discern anew the Truths that define us beyond mere human nature? The response that comes from people of faith should be balanced in tone, engaging its people in the tools of knowledge seeking a deeper understanding beyond our finite reality, engage one another in the pursuits of higher values so as to bring out the best in one another. Summer is coming, so too is the movie, “The Da Vinci Code.” Are you ready for the truth of the screen, or the real Truth?



Washington, D.C. – A participant in the 2006 “Rolling Thunder – The Run for the Wall” takes a moment to honor U.S. military veterans during the Memorial Day holiday weekend along the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The gathering began in 1987 by former U.S. Army Sgt. Artie Muller and a group of motorcycle enthusiasts to recognize and honor all U.S. military veterans especially the POWs and those who are missing in action.
Photo by JO1 Kristin Fitzsimmons

*Worship today in the
faith of your choice*

Command Religious Program Schedule

Catholic

Sun., 9 a.m. Sunday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Sunday MassNaval Hospital All Faiths Chapel
Sun., Noon Sunday MassForrestal Village Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. Weekday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:30-11:30 a.m. CCDBldg. 122
Sun, 10:30 a.m. Catholics Seeking ChristBluejacket Memorial Chapel

Protestant

Wed., Noon Praise, Word and WorshipNaval Hospital All Faiths Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Contemporary WorshipBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10 a.m. Family Worship ServiceForrestal Village Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sun., 1:30 p.m.Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel

Liturgical Protestant

Sun., 12:15 a.m., Holy EucharistBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Anglican priests Chaplains Allen (at Forrestal) and Ray (at Bluejackets), will co-lead this service. Worship follows the forms of the Book of Common Prayer and should be familiar to most Christians of a liturgical background. Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians who seek and recognize the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Great Lakes chaplains are happy to help you find a place of worship according to your tradition and needs.

Chapels

- Bluejacket Memorial Chapel - Bldg. 3, NTC
- Forrestal Village Chapel - Bldg. 2630, Ohio St., Forrestal Village
- Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel, Wing 2 South
- For More Information about any of the services or events listed in this schedule, call 688-5610

SportScene

3-on-3 basketball

Tournament tomorrow at Pier 525

This summer, all across the country thousands of U.S. military personnel and their families will face off in Scion Slam 3-on-3 Military Basketball Tournaments for a chance to win \$1,000 and a whole lot of respect on the blacktop!

The traveling one-day tournament will visit 12 locations around the country, impacting a total of 23 U.S. military installations across multiple branches: Army, Navy, and Marines.

At 12 different locations reaching tens of U.S. military bases, contestants will get to see which one of their brothers and sisters "in arms" can "play ball" during this one-day event! Who has the best skills? Who's got that three-point line on lockdown?

Tomorrow, the Scion Slam 3-on-3 Military Basketball Tournament rolls into Naval Station Great Lakes (behind Pier 525-west side) with an opportunity for the first place team to walk away with \$1,000. The best part of this Tournament, win or lose, there is no entry fee.

In addition to the tournament, Scion Slam will feature interactive entertainment and ride & drive courses for test drives in the Scion xA, Scion xB and Scion tC. Scion will also offer a variety of other activities including a custom car show.

First place winner for the car show will

walk away with \$250 and a custom trophy. The second place winner will earn \$100 and the third place finisher will receive \$50.

There is also a free-throw contest and a three-point contest. Winner of the three-point competition wins \$250 and winner of the free throw takes home \$100. Handpicked Scion D.J.'s will also cut and spin a Hip-Hop soundtrack for the day.

The tournament is open to all authorized U.S. Department of Defense Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons (active duty, retired military, reservist, National Guard, Department of Defense civilians and other Department of Defense ID card holders, and their spouses and family members) who are 17 years of age or older at time of the tournament. Attendees who wish to participate in the ride-and-drive activities must be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid driver's license.

Do you "Got Game" and have what it takes? Prove it. Register now for this exclusive event. Go to www.mwrgl.com for more information or register directly on-

line at www.scion.com/scionslam. No internet? Stop by the fieldhouse, Bldg. 440, for assistance on signing up. For further details, call 688-3419/5315.



NHCS hosts golf tournament

Hospital Corps Birthday Ball Committee hosts a Best Ball Golf Tournament at Willow Glen Golf Course Great Lakes on June 2. The shotgun start begins at noon.

The tournament is a four-man scramble and is limited to the first 25 teams that sign-up and turn in their \$45 per person for entry, green fees and cart.

The point of contacts are: HMC(SW/AW) Perry, NHCS; bmperry@nhcs.med.navy.mil; phone number 688-2836, ext. 217; and HM1(SCW/FMF) Reese, dental strand, NHGL; jereese@nhcs.med.navy.mil; 688-5328 ext. 3766.

There will be prizes for best round, longest drive and closest to the pin will be based upon the number of golfers. Mulligan's and birdie string's may be purchased for \$5 each.

Reese will be available for sign-up at Willow Glen from 4-5 p.m., daily until cob May 30.



The Wall...

Climbing Wall, Bldg. 4, 688-7769

Show your gold card and receive 50 percent off a daily climb pass!

The Wall is a 32 ft. climbing structure for both beginner and advanced climbers. The Wall has four auto-belays. For children, the minimum weight is 25 lbs. The Wall also provides children's shoes and harnesses. Those interested in "roped" climbing may go through an orientation class (see below for class information). This class is only mandatory for those who want to climb the roped routes, or want to attend the Lead Climb Class. Orientation Classes are held by appointment, only. Please call 688-7769 to set up an appointment.

Hours ... Mon.-Fri.: 4-8 p.m. Sat: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Wall will close at 6 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS when Orientation Classes are scheduled. (Orientation Class: 6-8 p.m. by appointment, only). Fees ... \$5 day pass: includes climbing shoes, harness, auto-belay or roped

Routes. \$10 orientation class: includes two complimentary day passes

Lead Climb Class

The Lead Climb Class teaches students the basics of indoor sport lead climbing. Participants will learn how to cross over to the "sharp" edge of the rope, and learn how

to walk the razor's edge in the safest possible environment! To attend this Class, participants must be belay certified and must be comfortable with "top rope climbing". Cost: \$15 (includes one free day climb pass). MWR bucks are accepted for payment. This class is by appointment, ONLY.

Orientation Classes

Those interested in "roped" climbing may go through an orientation class (\$10 fee), which includes instruction on belaying, harnesses, safety and tying figure-8 knots (two complimentary day passes are included). This class is only mandatory for those who want to climb the roped routes, or want to attend the advanced classes. Orientation Classes are held by appointment, only. Please call 688-7769 to set up an appointment. Cost: \$10 and MWR Bucks are accepted for payment.

Climbers Competition...

New climbers are invited to test their skills against other new climbers by participating in this fun competition. The fastest times of the week receive a complimentary day pass. There are two timers available to record races.

Great Lakes Fitness Center

Bldg. 2A, 688-5649

The Great Lakes Fitness Center is a complete, state-of-the-art health and fitness center. Special features of the Center include a "Weight Room" area that boasts over 75 weight machines, 4,500 pounds of weight plates, as well as Body Master plate-load equipment. The "Cardio Room" includes Treadmills, Crosstrainers (Ellipticals), Lifecycles, Stepmills and more - complimented by 32" flat screen TV's for viewing pleasure while working out. An Aerobics and Spin Studio offer various group exercise classes. Massage Therapy is available during the week and appointments can be made at the Front Desk. Plus, saunas, and locker and towel services are available. The Naval Hospital Health Promotion Office is also located in the Great Lakes Fitness Center.

Hours ... Mon.-Thurs. 5 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri. 5 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat. 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Holiday hours will be posted.

Massage Therapist ...

Sports Massage, Swedish Massage, Therapeutic Massage and Hot/Cold Stone Massage! Make an appointment with our Massage Therapist today! Stop in for a 5-minute "Chair Massage Tune-Up" (when Therapist is available) on Monday and

Wednesday, 3-6 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. "New" weekend times are now open - by paid appointments, ONLY. Call the Great Lakes Fitness Center at 688-5649 for times and availability.

Aerobics Classes

Aerobics fees apply for all classes unless otherwise specified. All eligible gym customers are welcome. Classes are subject to change without notice. All classes take place in the Aerobics/Spin Studio at the Great Lakes Fitness Center.

Step: Tues. and Thurs. from 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Spin: Spin Classes take place in the Fitness Center's Spinning Studio. Advance sign-ups are recommended for this program. Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mon. and Wed. 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Yoga (until July 1): Tues. from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pilates: Mon. and Wed. from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Power Lift: Tues. and Thurs. from 5-6 p.m.

Great Lakes Marina

Bldg. 13 (Lakefront), 688-5417

Summer outdoor fun on the water

Great Lakes Marina and Rental Center, Bldg. 13, 688-5417

The Great Lakes Marina and Rental Center are located in Bldg. 13. The hours of operation are daily, 8:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Free Fishing Days!

Free Fishing Days are set for June 9, 10, 11 and 12. During Free Fishing Days, it is legal for any person to fish in the State of Illinois without possessing a sport fishing license, inland trout stamp, or salmon stamp.

Free Charter Fishing Trip ...

Free Fishing Days is celebrated at the Marina! In celebration of Free Fishing Days, the Great Lakes Marina has scheduled a free charter Fishing Trip on Sat., June 11 from 6-11 a.m. (Active Duty Military, only). Registration is required-in person by Fri., June 9 at the Great Lakes Marina (Bldg. 13). Call 688-5417 for further information.

Basic Sailing Classes...

Dates: June 20, 21 and 24. July 5, 6, 8, 18, 19 and 22. August 8, 9, 12, 22, 23 and 26. Classes are held on two evening sessions on Tues. and Wed. from 6-9 p.m. and one on Sat.,

which is the on-water practical from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Successful completion of the Class receives a certification from the U.S. Sailing Association and the U.S. Navy Sailing Association. The cost for military personnel is \$75 and DoD employees are \$125, plus the book, \$14.95. Please sign up in advance.

Intermediate Sailing Classes...

Dates: July 11, 12 and 15. August 15, 16 and 19. September 5, 6 and 10. Classes are held on two evening sessions on Tues. and Wed. from 6-9 p.m. and one on Sat., which is the on-water practical from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. This class will teach students how to

skipper a large sailboat off-shore. The cost for military personnel is \$100 and DoD employees are \$150, plus the book, \$18. Please sign up in advance.

Ask about upcoming Sea Kayaking Classes...

Youth Water Sports Camp!

Ages 9-15
Sessions: Aug. 15-18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$100 (military), \$125 (civilian). Youth will be instructed on the proper techniques of sea kayaking, canoeing, fishing, sailing and powerboat handling.

Please sign up in advance.

Sea Cadets battle in weekend competition



One last motivational huddle before donning their fire fighting gear.



Cadets from Stockholm Battalion test their knot tying skills in the Marlinspike Seamanship event.



Cadets from Battleship Wisconsin Division, National Guard Armory, Oconomowoc, Wisc., get at the ready, before donning firefighting gear. From the left: Seaman Recruit Kevin Custer, Seaman Crystal Evans, PO1 Coady Schiltz, Seaman Apprentice Nina Morgan, and PO3 James Paulson.

The 2006 Region 9-1 Naval Sea Cadet Corps Flagship Weekend got underway for its 17th year at Naval Station Great Lakes May 19-21. Twin cities Squadron took home the traveling trophy of an encased spyglass for the second year in a row.

The other nine teams that competed from Region 9-1 were Division 9-1-1 of Naval Station Great Lakes; Badger Division of USN&MC Reserve Center, Madison, Wisc.; Twin Ports Division of Naval Reserve Center, Duluth, Minn.; Battleship Wisconsin Division of National Guard Armory, Oconomowoc, Wisc.; Pimiteoui Division of USN&MC Reserve Center Peoria, Ill.; Stockholm Battalion of Union League Boys & Girls Club, Chicago; Ghostriders Squadron of Naperville Central H.S., Naperville, Ill.; MG J.L. Borling Division of National Guard Armory, Machesny Park and Calumet Harbor Division of Calumet Harbor CG Station, Chicago.

**Story and photos
by PH1(AW/SW)
V.K. Schaefer**

Cadets are instructed by both Sea Cadet Officers and senior cadets through classroom and applied instruction in subjects such as basic seamanship, military drill, and leadership. Most Sea Cadet regions throughout the country hold weekend competitions where units compete with each other to test their seamanship and military skills. For Region 9 this is known as Flagship Weekend.

Along with the cadets, 25 Sea Cadets officers and instructors including six active-duty Sailors, helped judge the events. Seamanship events consisted of boat fender relays, semaphore, heaving line toss, line handling, marlinspike seamanship (knot tying), fire fighting and a stokes stretcher carry.

Military events included close order drill. A color guard where presenting, posting and retiring the Colors is graded. A first call drill where two four-cadet color teams perform morning and evening colors. And lastly, a knockout drill with cadets being eliminated for failing to correctly execute standard drill commands until there is one person left standing.

This year the winner of the knockout drill was a cadet from the Navy League Corps, a first in Flagship history. PO3 Amanda Gorecki, 11 years old, from the Twin Cities Squadron beat out not just the more senior Sea Cadets, but Sea Cadet officers and Sailors who participated as well.

"It's a weekend of fellowship and it's an opportunity to keep alive the nautical skills and military skills that the cadets learn locally and to use them in a competitive setting," said Lt. Cmdr. Keith Kohanzo, Associate Regional Director for Region 9-1.

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is for youth ages 13-17 who have a desire to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Since 1958, the Naval Sea Cadet Corps has been committed to providing youth with a drug and alcohol-free environment to foster their leadership abilities, broaden their horizons through hands-on training and guide them to becoming mature young adults.



During the line handling event, cadets from Div. 9-1-1 flemish a line. Cadets also have to coil and fake lines during this timed event.



Knockout Winner – Sea Cadets from the Twin Cities Squadron, USN&MC Reserve Center, Fort Snelling, congratulate fellow cadet PO3 Amanda Gorecki, Navy League Cadet Corps, after she won the knock-out drill event. Gorecki, 11 years old, is the only Navy League cadet to win the knockout drill in Region 9-1 history. Photo by Ensign Mike Gorecki



FC2(SW) Angela Lavant, a recruit division commander, judged the winning Twin Cities Squadron during their close order drill event.



Seaman recruit Clara Haag of the Badger Division, USN&MC Reserve Center, Madison competed in the semaphore event of the Region 9-1 Sea Cadet's Flagship Competition held May 19-21 at Naval Station Great Lakes. Ten teams representing 122 cadets competed in 10 events.